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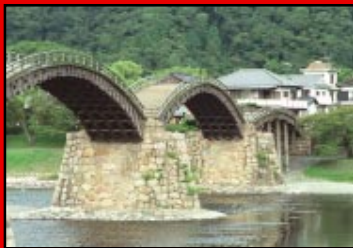
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Freedom flight



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Finally, the last man got aboard and it was time for the aircraft door to close. It really got quiet. Every man was thinking to himself, 'God is it really going to happen, is this really it?' We taxied down to the end of the runway and the plane picked up speed. Finally you could feel the nose come up and the wheels lift off the ground. Only then did the pilot come over the intercom and say, 'congratulations gentlemen, we've just left North Vietnam.' We finally believed it, said Retired Capt. Gerald Coffee recounting his experience as a prisoner of war.

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Post office offers new payment method

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

The station Post Office began accepting credit and debit cards as a convenient payment method Aug. 22.

The addition of this service, will allow a quicker alternate payment method for post office patrons, while cutting time and eliminating the need for adhesive stamps.

The payment methods now accepted by the Post Office machines are American Express/Optima, Discover/Novus, Bravo, Private Issue, Master Card and Visa.

"The advantage is customers don't have to carry cash," said Master Sgt. David Reyes, postal

chief. "The clerks handle less cash and the system expedites the service to the customer."

According to the Guam native, the process is almost paperless. The money that was once sent to the San Francisco Post Office by check is now sent electronically.

With the new service, anything can be purchased with a debit card, but money orders cannot be purchased with a credit card.

Rather than buying stamps that must be moistened and applied to the package, a label will be printed out with a bar code holding the packages ZIP code. Clerks apply the label saving the customer time.

The new office system is already in place in the United States and a few other military post offices. The post office here is trying to provide

the convenience level of a stateside post office that many are used to.

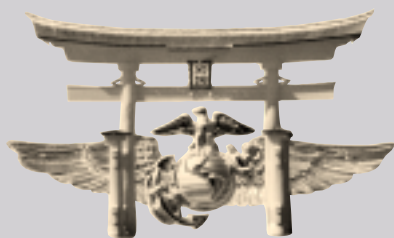
"I always wanted this," said Blanca Jones, Navy Federal Credit Union member service representative. "I think it will improve the service here. People would rather use credit cards and debit cards to pay for things."

According to PFC Carlos Munoz, postal clerk, he would encounter at least five people per day who asked to use a debit card.

"We don't have to inconvenience the customer by telling them they have to go to the bank or ATM machine to get money," said the Queens, N.Y. native. "They would have to find someone to watch their packages while they were gone."

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Paydays of old were part of Marine experience

by Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Holub
Marine Forces Pacific Sergeant Major

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii -- Many things have changed while I have been in the Marine Corps. Uniforms, equipment, Professional Military Education – just to name a few – but one of the things that changed that I wish could have stayed the same was payday. Yep, the good, old-fashioned "the Eagle dumps today" payday. Now hold on a second before you start calling the guys in the white coats, let me explain.

I know a lot of the older officers and staff noncommissioned officers will remember this, but this is for the younger Marines. In the old days, payday was just not another day of the month when your pay was directly placed in your bank account. It was an event! Even Marines who were UA would show up hoping to get a paycheck as well as Marines who were FAPed out so long you thought they were dead.

As a matter of fact, my very first payday in the Marine Corp, I wasn't even paid by check. We were paid in cold hard cash. I am sure all the older colonels and general officers are cringing as I bring this up, because when they were young lieutenants, they used to sweat bullets each month hoping they would not be selected as the pay officer. Why? In those days if they were assigned duties as the pay officer on the morning of payday they, (armed with a .45-caliber M1911A1 pistol) and an armed escort (usually an NCO, but

not always) would report to Disbursing and pick up the unit's pay. In those days as private first class, I was only getting about \$53 a payday, just to give you a reference. The officers were not picking up millions of dollars, but still several thousand dollars in a brief case will get your attention, especially when you were constantly reminded that if you lost it, you would go to jail. And if you were short, the difference would come out of your pay. Talk about responsibility!

Anyway, at the appointed time on the first or 15th, all of us would line up outside the first sergeant's office with our covers in our hands to be inspected by our platoon sergeant and then the battery gunny. Every one was in good spirits and there was an excitement in the air that you just don't get with direct deposit today. With nervous anticipation, you would inch your way to the "promised land" and then one by one we were called in front of the pay officer to collect our pay.

"Sir, Private First Class Holub reporting for pay call, sir." You would then look down at the officer (one of the few times you did so) while one of the admin clerks carefully found your name on the pay roster and called out your pay.

"Pfc. Holub, 2693335," he would bark out. "\$53!" And the Officer would carefully count out exactly that amount. Once it was in front of you on the desk, you would reach down and count it one more time and announce, "Sir, my pay is correct," scoop it into your cover, and do an about-

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Corps News

Marine saves Okinawan boy from choking

by Staff Sgt. Michael Turner
31st MEU Public Affairs Chief

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa Japan — A Marine with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable, saved a 6-year-old



photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Turner

First Lt. Errol L. Manor, Jr.

Okinawan boy from choking recently at Comprehensive Park near Camp Foster.

First Lt. Errol L. Manor, Jr., of Battery G, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, currently serving as a forward observer with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, was attending a Family Day social event, when he overheard someone say a boy was choking. Manor noticed the family attempting to help the child, including hitting him on the back while holding him upside down, but their attempts were unsuccessful. Manor later said he felt like the boy might die, so he needed to do something.

"I looked over, and it was looking pretty serious," said Manor. "I noticed his lips and fingertips were getting dark, he wasn't getting any air."

Manor went to the family gathered around the boy. He took the child from the father's arms and performed two hard thrusts of the Heimlich maneuver. This was enough to dislodge the object in the boy's throat. Manor said the boy took a couple of deep breaths and began to cough. Manor said at that point, he knew the child was going to be fine.

The family began to shower Manor with gratitude. He said they spoke very little English, but they were saying "thank you" over and over.

Manor said he learned the Heimlich maneuver as part of his training in the Marine Corps.

"Now I know the Heimlich maneuver really works," said Manor.

Off-base residents will receive census

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz
Torii Teller Staff

A Japanese national population census will be given to off-station residents beginning Sept. 23. Census counters will visit homes to distribute the census questionnaires until Oct. 1.

The census is conducted every five years, and is an important provider of statistical data in Japan. It's used to compile anonymous statistical data, and will not be used for

matters pertaining to taxes, immigration or law enforcement.

The census is not required by anyone having a Status of Forces Agreement, but residents must be able to prove their SOFA status to the person giving them the census.

Only active-duty U.S. military identification cards or SOFA-stamped U.S. passports are sufficient proof.

"Non-command sponsored dependents of service members on an unaccompanied tour living here are on SOFA status," said Staff Sgt.

Gary Tank, legal assistance chief, from Butternut, Wis.

A SOFA stamp is the admission stamp given at the port of entry in Japan, either at the Air Mobility Command terminal or commercial airport. The stamp should read "Under the Status of Forces Agreement." Within the stamp should also be the date of arrival, and a U.S. Customs' signature.

During the census, if you do not understand Japanese, there is a way to indicate to the census-taker what language you do understand.

The census takers will have a board with brief instructions in English, Korean, Chinese, Portuguese, Tagalog, Thai and Spanish, among other languages. To indicate which language, point to it on the board.

For English speakers, indicate a convenient date to the census-taker, and an English version of the survey will be delivered. For other languages, a translation of the questions will be provided.

If you have any questions, contact the SJA office at 253-5591.

Sailors lift children's spirits

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz
Torii Teller Staff

When 25 children from the Akebono-ryo, in Nasake-jima, woke up one recent Saturday morning, they were promised a trip to see some familiar faces and have a fun-filled day.

That's exactly what they got, when they arrived on station and were greeted by the Branch Medical Clinic staff. There was also a barbecue and a place to stay cool at the Main Outdoor Pool waiting for them.

"We made three trips to see them in Nasake-jima last year," said Lt. j.g. Gino Narte, Urgent Care Center division officer, from Carson, Calif. "This time we decided to bring them here."

The children's ages vary from infants to early teenagers, and all are members of Akebono-ryo, a home for orphans and children from broken homes.

After eating hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies, the children and medical staff swarmed the gate at the outdoor pool — ready to take the plunge.

According to Michiko Ichiyama, Akebono care provider, Japanese children tend to be very shy and don't know how to speak English, but they do enjoy the pool.

Even though it seemed the day was meant for the children, clinic personnel also had a good time swimming and playing with their guests.

"This program is also a morale booster for the clinic, because everyone enjoys the children's company," said Seaman Apprentice Brandon Johnston, a clinic corpsman from Wauconda, Ill. "There's a majority of the clinic here who volunteered their time."

The Akebono care providers enjoy the visits, because the volunteers contribute their time to the children.

"This is the first time the children have ever been to the base, and they really enjoy the Sailors' company," said Ichiyama. "I don't think the



photo by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz

Seaman Apprentice, Brandon Johnston carries one of the children to the pool's edge.

children will ever forget what they've done for them today."

During the day some of the children and two of the corpsmen showed off at the diving board-trying to see who could make the biggest splash.

"I like showing kids how to have a good time, especially the little ones," said Seaman Ryan Brod, a corpsman from Las Vegas, Nev. "I like bringing them here, because instead of just showing up, you get to show them where you live and interact with them more."

By the end of the day, the children had grown closer to their foreign friends and the medical personnel were sad to see them go.

"I think it's a great thing to do, because they'll remember this," Johnston said. "Some are shy, but by the end of the day, they grew pretty attached to us."

News Briefs

Taxi Service Ends

Marine Corps Community Services regrettably announces the discontinuation of its base taxi service as of Oct. 1, 2000, due to low patronage. The MCCS thanks their customers for whom the service was useful and regrets that they cannot offer continued operations. For more information call MCCS at 253-5641, extension 335.

Safety Recall Power Wheels

Fisher-Price and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission are recalling the Power Wheels Harley-Davidson Motorcycle ride-on toys manufactured before April 28, due to the foot pedal sticking in the "on" position, presenting a risk of injury. Product owners will receive nylon spacers for the pedal to prevent it from sticking. Owners are advised not to use the toy and call for a repair kit. For more information call 253-5641.

Magic Years

H.J. Rashti, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, has voluntarily recalled the Novelty Pacifier Animal Buddy Clip, sold with a Novelty Bib. The clip on the animal figure can detach, causing a choking hazard. The clip has recently been sold at the Main Exchange. Customers are advised to stop using it and return it for a full refund. For more information, call 253-5641.

Commissary Closure

The Commissary will be closed Tuesday, to reset the store.

Primary Care provides excellence

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

The Primary Care Clinic at the Branch Medical facility here is striving for excellence in health-care services.

The clinic's mission is to provide station personnel and residents with professional, accessible and compassionate healthcare.

"The clinic specializes in the needs of the family," said HM1 Gilbert Ramos, Leading Petty Officer of Primary Care, from Manila. "Building a strong relationship with our patients is all part of the job."

Patients are treated by appointment only.

When a patient is admitted into Primary Care, each is provided with a Primary Care doctor. They will stay with this physician through the remainder of their time in the clinic. This lays the foundation for a trusting patient and doctor relationship and provides continuity in care, according to Lt. Cmdr. Don S. Raymundo, division officer, from San Francisco.

The Primary Care clinic works around the customers' needs. Quality, access, cost effectiveness and communication make us a great health care provider, he said.

For any medical attention that can not be provided by Primary Care physicians, such as surgery or childbirth, specialists from other military facilities are flown aboard Station periodically

or local physicians are recommended for such medical attention.

"If there is something we can't perform here at the clinic, we will make sure that the best possible care is found," Raymundo said. Patients may also take medivac flights to an alternate facility, depending on their condition and circumstances.

Whether on or off station, the Primary Care Clinic provides personnel and residents with the best medical attention available to ensure mission readiness for military personnel and their families.

"We're here to serve everyone on station," said Raymundo. "Family health care is our specialty."

Spouses receive valuable leadership skills

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

The first Spouses' Leadership Seminar was held at the Club Iwakuni ballroom on Sept. 9, bringing together more than 40 women for a day-long seminar designed to brighten their future.

The seminar was directed toward Marine Corps spouses interested in learning, growing and preparing their people skills. It also braced them for challenges and achievements that come with increased success in leadership and the military lifestyle.

"I hope to give these women some life changing information that can be shared with others," said Pam Roylance, trainer and actress. "I learn just as much from each group I speak to, as they do from me."

The seminar, presented by SkillPath Seminars, was the first of its kind to be held aboard the air station.

It provided proven techniques; insights and skills, helping spouses become more effective and successful in their roles and cope with difficult times.

"This was an exciting opportunity for military spouses to learn more about themselves and what

they can accomplish," said Kathy Schaffer, Family Readiness officers' assistant.

The new program teaches women that even though their spouses have to leave sometimes, they can feel confident and capable of dealing with difficult situations, Shaffer said.

The women received a day of interactive instructions on topics such as becoming an effective communicator, conflict management and personal enhancement.

"I really learned a lot about myself and the people around me," said Melinda Pena, from Troy, Texas. "I feel I can be more beneficial to oth-

ers at work as well as at home."

As the seminar came to a close, each woman was presented with a certificate of completion and a round of applause from one another for their achievements throughout the day.

"I loved it," said Michelle Vinson, Semper Fit administrative assistant, from Franklington, N.C.

"I learned so much about myself and how to communicate better with other's," she said. "I feel it will help me build a better relationship with the people around me. It was a great way to spend my Saturday afternoon."

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That was a frequent thing that would happen."

Currently debit and credit card use is only 20 percent of the daily business, but once the word gets out about the new convenience the percent-

age is expected to go up, Reyes said.

The new system is simple but constantly improving. This is just one of the many additions to the station Post Office to provide a better quality of life.

According to Reyes, it's as simple as if you

were shopping at a commercial retail store. Now that the post office is catching up with the rest of the world technologically, station residents will be able to get their mail out just a little more efficiently.

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face into the waiting arms of the company first sergeant who would be waiting to collect any money owed for Navy Relief. Then he might yell at you because you needed a haircut or send you to his office to sign something in your service record book. Very seldom did anyone escape his grasp and those that did were legend in the battery.

Over time hard cash gave way to checks and that's the way I spent the majority of my career,

but the routine was still the same and so was the excitement of payday. ... Line up. ... Get your pay. ... Get inspected. ... Get yelled at. Get a shot or sign something. ... Man, it was great.

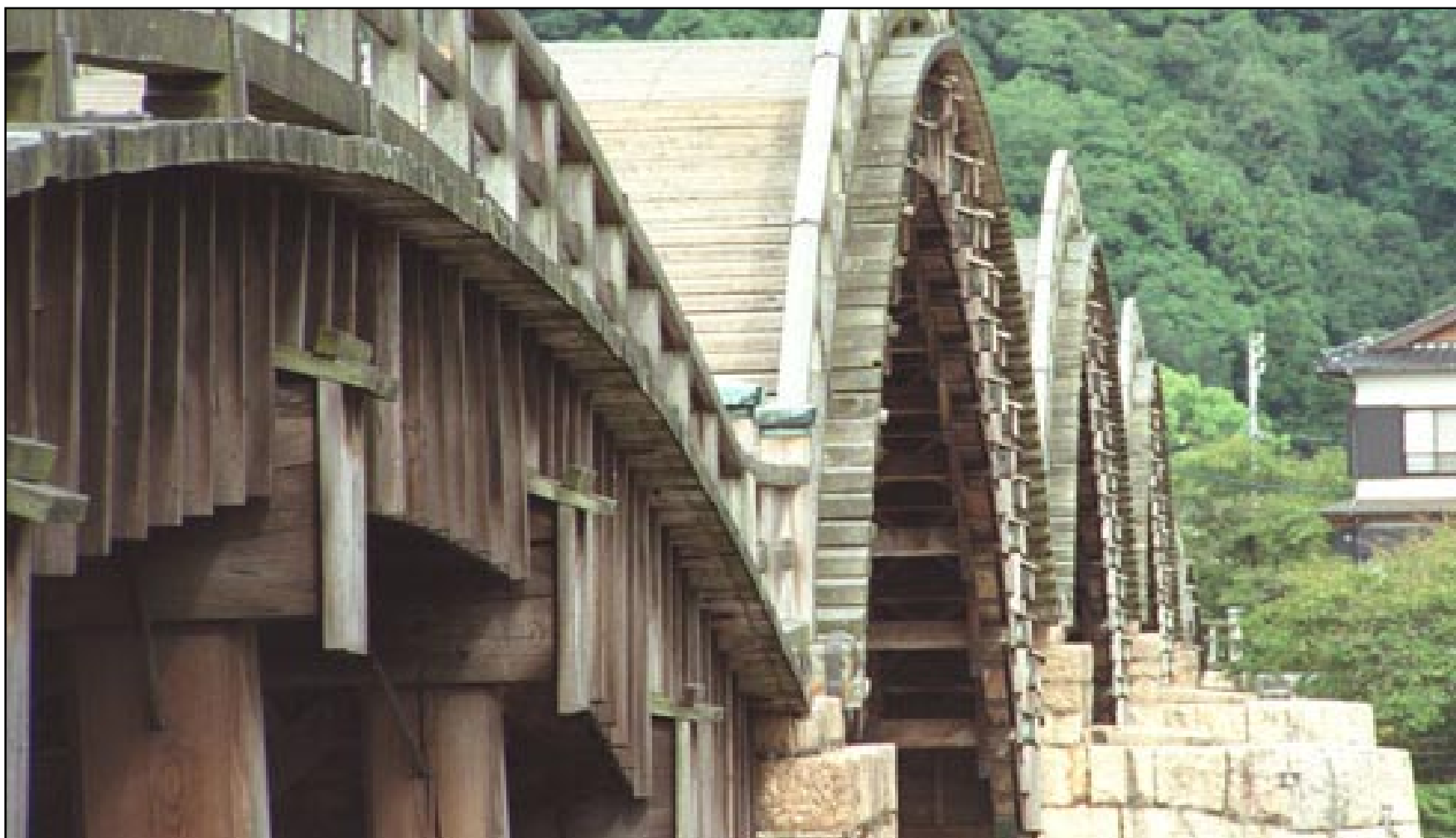
Everyone was in a good mood on paydays, even the "old man" and the first sergeant. Because it was payday, you could always count on a half-day off to cash your check, pay your bills or go have a good, old-fashioned payday liberty. Twice a month you could count on a festive holiday atmosphere around the battalion area as

Uncle Sam came through for his Marines. It was a great time, and even if it was a pain to get the hard checks or cash, you knew twice a month someone would be looking you in the eyes and asking how you were doing. Man, I miss those days.

Sometimes I worry that the Marine Corps might just get too fancy some day and we might start to lose our "soul" to technology. I think with direct deposit, e-mail, computers, and beepers we miss many of the personal things that made being a Marine unique, fun,

and the band of brothers we advertise to be. It's being in the "people" business that makes us unique. I hope we never lose too much of our soul just to get things done faster.

Those old paydays are gone now, replaced by a bank statement and a line at the ATM. The paydays of my youth are a part of our history - and now only memories to older Marines like myself. ... They were fun. ... I miss them. Semper Fi.



The Kintai Bridge, originally built in 1673, is one of the major sightseeing attractions in Japan.

Kintai Bridge: a walk through history

by Sachiko Misaka
Torii Teller Staff

The Kintai Bridge, one of the most famous sight-seeing spots in Japan, attracts many people with its peculiar design and beauty. More than 700,000 people visit the bridge a year, according to Iwakuni City officials.

Because of the Kintai Bridge's unique shape and natural beauty, it has been counted as one of the three most famous bridges in Japan and is also selected as the number one, out of 100 most beautiful sites in Japan according to a Tokyo newspaper company.

"The Kintai area has different colors in each of the four seasons. We can see fresh young leaves in spring, fireworks and cormorant fishing in summer, tinted leaves in fall and white snow in winter," said Misao Shiomura, Iwakuni resident.

The Kintai Bridge has five arches. The bridge spans 645 feet, but with the arches, the walking distance is 700 feet. Its width is 17 feet, and the supporting columns are 22 feet in height. The columns are 117 feet apart from one another.

"We can see straight bridges everywhere, but a five-arch, wooden bridge is only here in Iwakuni. The bridge is not only fun to look at, but also fun to walk across," said Yukiko Yamanaka, Iwakuni resident. "Because of those arches, people walking in front of me appear and disappear. I'm proud of Kintai Bridge and I'd like many people to come to

look at the bridge from all over the world."

The bridge was originally built in 1673, by Hiroyoshi Kikkawa, the Feudal Lord or samurai of that era.

In those times, the Nishiki River protected the Iwakuni Castle from enemies, as a natural outer moat.

The original bridge stood until 1950, when it was destroyed by a typhoon. Reconstruction was completed three years after its unfortunate demise.

The unique design of the bridge allows the center three arches to absorb the weight of the structure and could hold about 6,000 people.

Iwakuni City tests the strength of the Kintai Bridge every five years. On the last test in 1998, the bridge was judged to have enough strength; however, Iwakuni City officials plan to renovate the bridge between 2001 and 2003 due to deterioration.

During construction, a temporary bridge is planned to be built alongside the bridge, so people can still cross parts of the bridge not under construction.

"I'm worried about it because new wood makes Kintai Bridge look newer and it may lose some of its historical value," said Shiomura.

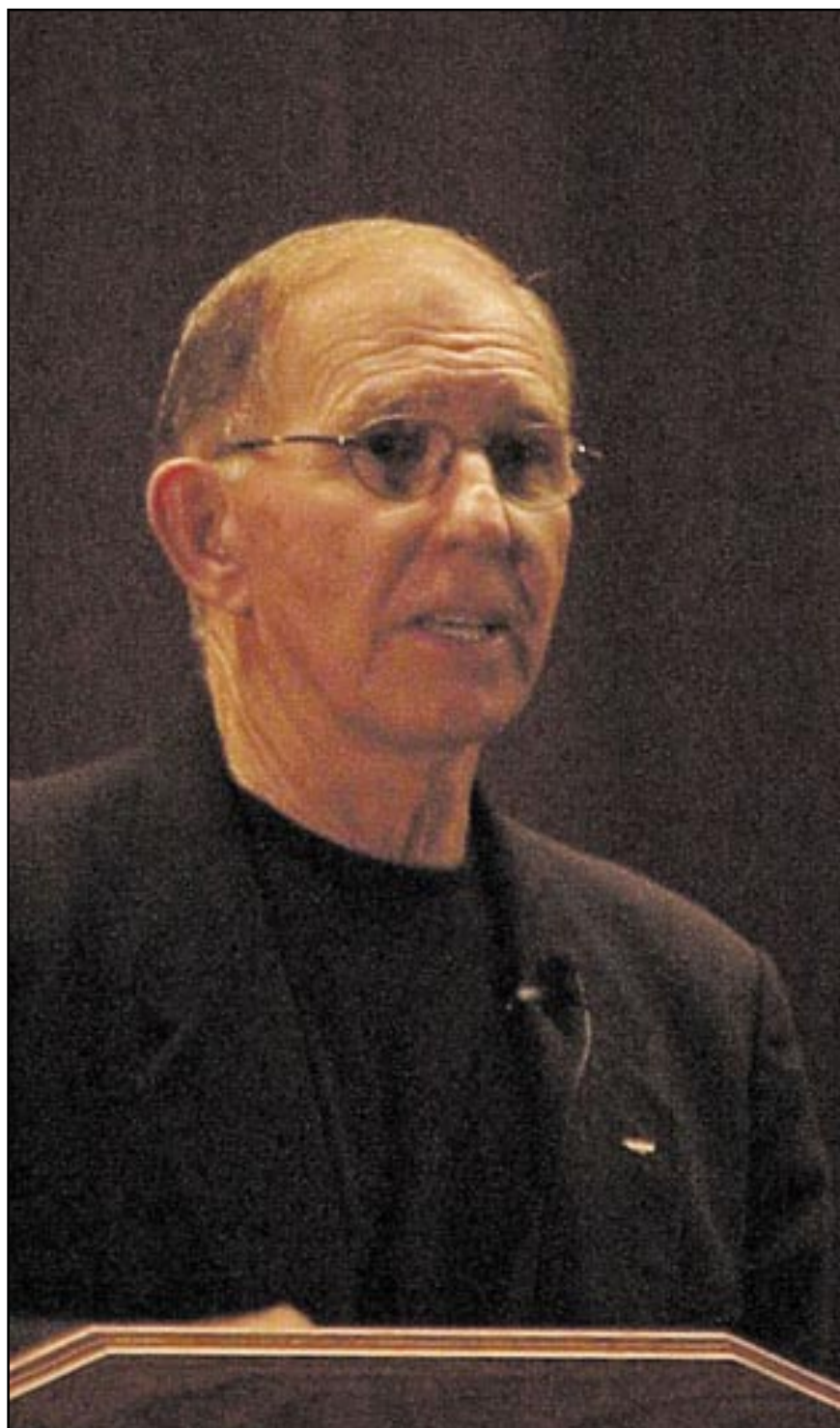
"I'm interested in how they construct the bridge because, I might only have an opportunity to see it once in my life," said Yamanaka.

Although the original Kintai Bridge was destroyed by a typhoon, its construction technique is being kept up today. Kintai Bridge has attracted sightseers for many years and continues to fascinate people.



photos by Sachiko Misaka

Some parts of the Kintai Bridge will be assembled on the ground before being lifted in to place, during its scheduled reconstruction in 2001-2003.



photos by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Retired Navy Capt. Gerald Coffee speaks to Marines and Sailors about his experiences as a prisoner of war in Hanoi, North Vietnam. Coffee was a prisoner of war for more than 7 years.



Coffee speaks with Sgt. Maj. William Johnson, VMA-214 sergeant major, after giving a speech Sept. 6, about his experiences as a POW in Hanoi, North Vietnam. Coffee spent 7 years, and 9 days in confinement until his release.

Faith from Hanoi applied to life

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

Retired Navy Capt. Gerald Coffee visited the air station Sept. 6, to talk with Marines and Sailors about his experiences as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

His speech focused on four different types of faith that helped him through his ordeal, and how it can be applied to everyday life.

"I realized that the key to my survival in prison was going to serve me just as well here at home on a daily basis," Coffee said. "The key to that survival was very simple — faith."

On Feb. 3, 1966, Coffee and his crewman were flying a mission off the coast of North Vietnam when their RA-5C Vigilante reconnaissance aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire.

After turning the aircraft back out to sea, hydraulic pressure was lost and they were forced to ditch their aircraft in the Gulf of Tonkin. Coffee and his crewman were pulled from the water soon after by North Vietnamese soldiers.

His crewmember was killed in the confusion on the beach when an American aircraft fired on the Vietnamese boats. Then Coffee was taken to Hanoi where he spent the next 7 years, and 9 days of his life in a three by six-and-a-half-foot prison cell.

Coffee said Marines could especially relate to faith through their motto "Semper Paratus," always faithful.

Faith in self

The first faith Coffee spoke of was the faith in himself he found while in the prison of North Vietnam to simply recognize and pursue his duty as an American Naval officer to the very best of his ability.

Faith in one another

The second aspect of faith, according to Coffee, was the faith in one another, the people whom we work and serve with each day; in the people who we love and those fellow POW's in the other

cells around him.

Faith in country

"We never forget what a privilege it is for us to serve our country, to take advantage of the things it offers to us and how it allows us to be who we are and do what we do," he said about his third faith.

It is the institutions in place and the freedoms provided that give us faith in our country, he said.

Coffee said that early on in prison he thought, "Whenever I return home maybe there will be some opportunity to share something about this experience." He has been publicly speaking since Sept. 1985. Coffee retired after serving 28 years, and became a full-time speaker because he felt he had a responsibility to share what he learned about life as a POW.

Faith in God

The fourth aspect of faith Coffee talked about was having faith in God. When he first arrived in his cell there was a scratching on the wall that read, "God = Strength."

Although Coffee's experiences have benefited his life, he said it doesn't take that kind of weird and bizarre experience in your life to benefit. He just happened to find it in this way.

"You know we all find ourselves, frequently, sometimes everyday trying to navigate through difficult and complex passages in our homes, personal and professional lives," he said.

The professional life of service members sometimes challenges them beyond what they can do, and they sometimes fall short of their mission and they can feel they have let down those who depend on them the most.

"Think how unfortunate it would be if you weren't a member of a team to let down, and what a blessing to be part of an organization you feel so strongly about, that you feel badly if you let them down," Coffee said. "One of the most important things I learned in that experience that I talked about today, is that the most you can do is your best, and sometimes that comes up short, but you learn from that and do better next time."



Doctor Takashi Shoji stands with his assistant in the delivery room of the Iwakuni Hospital.

Doctor makes local deliveries

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz
Torii Teller Staff

There are many things to consider when having a child, such as names, clothing, expenses and where to have your baby delivered.

Although the Branch Medical Clinic here isn't staffed for child delivery, there is a local facility.

With more than 40 years experience and about 10,000 deliveries, Dr. Takashi Shoji can provide a safe and comfortable environment for delivery at the Iwakuni Hospital.

"My father used to deliver babies, and I decided to follow," said Shoji. "It's a great opportunity to experience and help bring a new life into the world."

Located just a few minutes from the air station, near the Kintai Bridge, the Iwakuni Hospital provides everything an expectant mother needs, including a specially designed chair to help expecting mothers get a little more comfortable during labor.

"We didn't have to go through the hassle of going to Yokosuka," said Tracey Lee-North, who delivered Ryleigh in January. "Being 10 minutes away from the hospital without traffic made it easier."

Many service members and their families who have delivered at this facility have given Shoji

and his staff, a "thumbs up" on their service.

Although a midwife delivers the baby, Shoji supervises the delivery and is ready in case any problems arise.

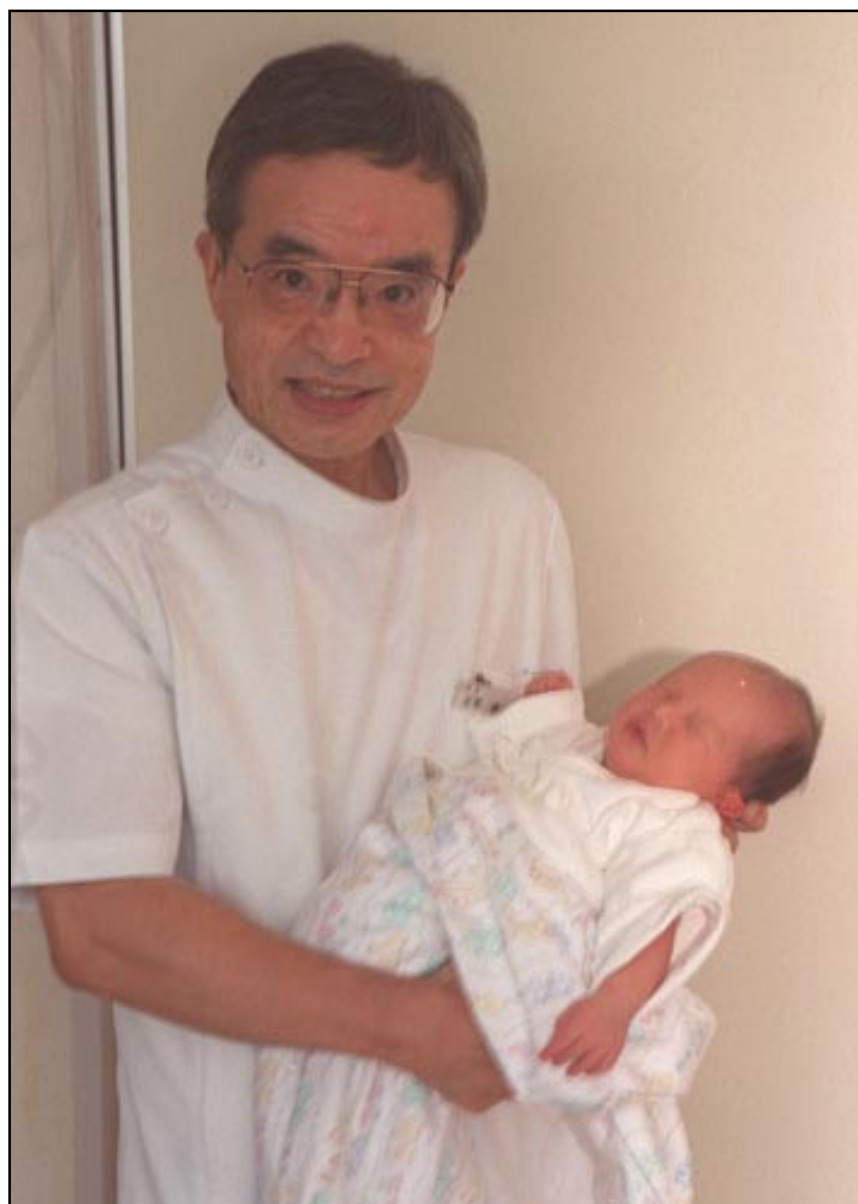
In the hospital, precautions are taken for every birth. If there is reason to believe the baby may have some complications, there will be a pediatrician available at the delivery. If the child's health is unstable in any way, the baby will be sent to Iwakuni National Hospital in Fuku Town, 20 minutes away.

To make arrangements to be seen by Shoji, the process begins at Branch Medical Clinic. Due to Tricare administrative procedures, when a woman finds out she is pregnant, she will visit the clinic first to receive a referral to see Shoji.

After receiving the referral, all clinic visits, ultrasounds and the delivery are done by Shoji and his staff at Iwakuni Hospital. Other benefits of going to Shoji's office include a recorded sonogram at each visit and a copy of the baby's first cries at birth.

"I had an ultrasound every visit during prenatal," Lee-North said. "If you bring a video tape, they will record it for you."

Shoji understands English very well, and addresses all questions expectant parents have. The clinic also provides patients with translation cards, to add understanding



photos by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz

Doctor Takashi Shoji visits with 1-day-old Kendall Pettiford during his rounds at Iwakuni Hospital.

between doctor and patient during visits.

Families shouldn't worry about medical fees, because Tricare pays the expenses.

"The family pays 4,600 Yen for each prenatal visit up front, then after every three visits, they submit bills with a completed Champus Claim form to the Patient Administrative office," said Lt.j.g. Christine McLaughlin, Branch Medical Clinic Women's Health Coordinator, from Hanson, Ma. "After that is done, Tricare reimburses them."

The only fees families need to cover are administrative things like birth certificates, which range from \$20 to \$50, she said.

Prior to delivery, the family needs to get a payment waiver from Patient Administration for Shoji to fill out. The waiver states he will wait six to eight weeks for payment covered by Tricare.

According to Shoji, not only is the father allowed in the delivery room, the entire family is allowed to welcome the newest member, even in the event of a caesarean delivery.

After the birth, mothers are placed into a bedroom with their newborn child to get some well-deserved rest. During the stay, fathers are welcome to stay over night with their wife and child.

"Since I was doing alright, my husband went home to be with my other son," Lee-North said. "It's really good to know that my husband could have stayed the night if he needed to."

According to McLaughlin, the entire hospital stay is 48 hours for natural birth and 72 hours for caesarean delivery, standard American time frames for deliveries.

If there are any complications or reasons deemed by the doctor to stay longer, the bill will be covered.

Although there may be a language barrier by going to Iwakuni Hospital, the compassion of the staff supercedes it.

"They were very friendly people," Lee-North said. "They provided me with everything I needed during my stay."

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Friday		Wednesday		Friday	
12:35	ESPNews	7:00	Headline News	5:30	ESPNews
1:05	Movies 'til Dawn: Breakfast at Tiffany's (TV-PG)	7:30	Navy/Marine Corps News	6:00	Today Show
3:15	Movies 'til Dawn: When Harry Met Sally (TV-PG)	8:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)	8:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)
5:00	Headline News	1:00	Headline News	1:00	Headline News
5:30	ESPNews	3:30	Army Newswatch	1:35	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)
6:00	Today Show	4:00	Xena: Warrior Princess (TV-PG)	3:05	ABC News: Hopkins 24/7 (Part 5 of 6)
8:00	Headline News	5:00	Computer Chronicles	4:00	Pokemon (TV-Y7)
8:30	Showbiz Today	5:30	Wall Street Journal Report	4:30	Family Matters (TV-PG)
9:00	Sesame Street	6:00	Headline News	5:00	Jeopardy! (TV-G)
10:00	Blues Clues	6:30	ESPNews	5:30	Headline News
10:30	Kiana's Flex Appeal	7:00	Survivor	6:00	Advisory Block
11:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show	8:00	Prime Time Movie: A Vision of Murder: The Story of Donielle (TV-PG)	6:33	CNN/SI
12:00	NBC Nightly News	10:00	Headline News	7:00	The King Of Queens (TV-PG)
12:30	Wheel Of Fortune	10:30	Seinfeld (TV-14)	7:30	The Steve Harvey Show (TV-PG)
1:00	Port Charles	11:00	The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)	8:00	Will And Grace (TV-14)
1:25	Laura McKenzie's Bed and Champagne	11:30	America's Black Forum (TV-PG)	8:35	Spin City (TV-PG)
2:15	General Hospital (TV-14)	Monday		9:00	NYPD Blue (TV-14)
3:05	Larry King Live	12:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)	10:00	Pacific Report
4:00	Sister, Sister (TV-PG)	7:00	Headline News	10:35	American Athlete
4:30	Sabrina The Teenage Witch (TV-G)	7:30	Army Newswatch	11:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)
5:00	Jeopardy!	8:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)	Thursday	
5:30	Headline News	1:00	Headline News	1:00	Tonight Show with Jay Leno
6:00	Advisory Block	1:30	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)	2:00	Late Show with David Letterman
6:33	CNN/SI	3:00	Dateline NBC	2:50	Port Charles (TV-14)
7:00	Latin Grammy Awards	4:00	Squigglevision (TV-Y)	4:05	General Hospital (TV-14)
9:00	X-Files (TV-14)	4:30	All That (TV-Y)	5:00	Headline News
10:00	Pacific Report	5:00	Jeopardy!	5:30	ESPNews
10:05	Tonight Show with Jay Leno	5:30	Headline News	6:00	Today Show
11:05	Late Show with David Letterman	6:00	Advisory Block	8:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)
Saturday		6:33	CNN/SI		
12:35	ESPNews	7:00	60 Minutes		
1:05	Movies 'til Dawn: The Sun Also Rises (TV-PG)	8:00	Touched By An Angel (TV-PG)		
3:25	Movies 'til Dawn: Mo' Money (TV-PG)	9:00	Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)		
5:00	Today Show	10:00	Pacific Report		
7:00	Zoboomafoo (TV-Y)	10:35	American Athlete		
7:30	Doug (TV-Y)	11:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)		
8:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)	Tuesday		<div>AFRTS OUTLINES TEMPORARY TV CHANGES FOR OLYMPIC GAMES PERIOD<p>On Saturday, Armed Forces Radio Television Service begins regular daily coverage of the XXVIIth Olympic Games. With a record-breaking 300-plus hours of coverage from NBC, CNBC and MSNBC, viewers should be aware of temporary changes to the television schedule that will be in effect during the Olympiad's 17-day run. Here are some of the temporary schedule changes put in place by AFRTS Television Programming.</p><p>1. AFRTS OLYMPIC GAMES CHANNEL - All coverage originating from MSNBC and CNBC will be aired on the Olympic Games Channel. Because of regional time differences, a tape-delayed rebroadcast of this coverage will immediately follow for AFN Pacific area audiences. From Tuesday through Friday, and again from Sept. 25 through Oct. 1, following each day's Pacific area rebroadcast, the Olympic Games Channel will air a special wrap-up of the day's events from NBC. The NBC wrap-up will not be seen on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24, due to extended MSNBC coverage.</p><p>2. MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL - NBC Olympic Games coverage on AFN has required a change of schedule for Monday Night Football. During the Games, live coverage of Monday Night Football will be moved to the NewSports Channel. The schedule for tape-delayed airings of Monday Night Football on AFN Pacific will remain unchanged.</p><p>3. SOAP OPERAS - While Olympic Games coverage will affect AFN's daily soap opera offerings on AFN Pacific, soap fanatics in the orient need not fear. During the Games, the soaps will move to Tuesday through Saturday at 2:55 a.m. on AFN Pacific. For AFN Pacific viewers, this means the soaps will air immediately following The Late Show With David Letterman. Obviously, videotaping is recommended for non-night owls.</p><p>4. SURVIVOR - The popular reality series Survivor, will also survive the Games. Survivor will continue to air AFN Pacific as usual, Sundays at 7 p.m.</p></div>	
1:00	Sports (TD)	1:00	Tonight Show with Jay Leno		
4:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	2:00	Late Show with David Letterman		
5:00	Entertainers	2:50	Port Charles (TV-14)		
6:00	Headline News	3:15	Guiding Light (TV-14)		
6:30	ESPNews	4:05	General Hospital (TV-14)		
7:00	JAG (TV-PG)	5:00	Headline News		
8:00	Pensacola: Wings of Gold	5:30	ESPNews		
9:00	ABC News "Vanished"	6:00	Today Show		
10:00	Headline News	8:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)		
10:30	ESPNews	1:00	Headline News		
11:00	Saturday Night Live (TV-14)	1:35	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)		
Sunday		3:05	Dateline NBC		
12:30	Motown Live (TV-G)	4:00	Nick News		
1:30	It's Showtime At The Apollo	4:30	Scholastic Sports America (TV-G)		
2:30	Storytellers (TV-PG)	5:00	Jeopardy!		
3:30	Friday Night	5:30	Headline News		
4:30	Entertainers	6:00	Advisory Block		
5:00	Headline News	6:33	NFL Monday Night Football: Cowboys at Redskins		
5:30	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)	10:00	Pacific Report		
		10:35	American Athlete		
		11:00	XXVII Olympic Games (NBC)		

Sakura Theater

Friday

7 p.m. What Lies Beneath
10 p.m. Loser

Saturday

4 p.m. Disney's The Kid
7 p.m. Loser
10 p.m. What Lies Beneath

Sunday

4 p.m. Disney's The Kid
7 p.m. What Lies Beneath

Monday

7 p.m. Loser

Tuesday

7 p.m. Disney's The Kid

Wednesday

7 p.m. What Lies Beneath

Thursday

Closed

What Lies Beneath (PG-13)
Rated PG-13 for terror/violence, sensuality and brief language.
This chilling romantic mystery from director Robert Zemeckis casts Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer as a quiet couple living in the hills of Vermont. However, when they begin seeing visions of a woman who is haunting their house, the husband (Ford) confesses that it is the ghost of a young girl with whom he had an affair, and who may have been murdered.

Loser (PG-13)
Rated PG-13 for drug content, crude sexual material and language.
On a full scholarship at New York University, Paul Tannek is a dorky student who cannot seem to find his place. He is a loser. The only person that understands him is Dora Diamond, a financially troubled peer who is in love with their English professor. Suddenly everything changes, Paul and Dora get together, and united as losers they rise above the people who put them down.

Disney's The Kid (PG)
Rated PG for mild language.
Disney presents this charming comedy about Russ Duritz (Bruce Willis), a disillusioned image consultant whose life is thrown into turmoil when he is magically reunited with himself as a child. Rusty (Spencer Breslin), the pudgy 8-year-old version of Russ, is disappointed to find that his grown-up self is a lonely loser who's too focused on work to have a wife or a dog. As the two bicker back and forth about everything, Rusty teaches Russ how to become the adult he's always wanted to be.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change.
Any questions or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai:
Sept. 15-22
"The Talented Mr. Ripley" - 10 a.m.,
2:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.,
(Sat. only) 10 p.m.
"Perfect Storm" - 12:25 p.m.,
5:10 p.m.
Sept. 23 - Oct. 6
"The Cider House Rules" - 10 a.m.,
2:40 p.m., 7:20 p.m.,
(Sat. only) 9:30 p.m.
"The Talented Mr. Ripley" -
12:10 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

New Central I:
Sept. 15 - end of September
"U-571" - 10:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m.,
6:45 p.m., (Sat. only) 11 p.m.
"Gone In Sixty Seconds" - 12:25 p.m.,
4:40 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:55 p.m.

New Central II:
Sept. 15 - end of September
No English Movies

New Central III:
Sept. 15 - beginning of October
No English Movies

Classified Ads

Vehicles for sale

—1986 Nissan Prairie, 4-door wagon, A/C, heater, cassette, JCI till Feb 2001, \$800/obo. Call Jean Prado at 253-6828 dwh or 253-6967 awb.
 —1989 Honda Prelude, 2-door, power everything, midnight blue, JCI till 2002, \$1,000/obo. Call Chief Brewer at 253-6515 dwh or 253-2011.
 —1990 Honda Accord, 4-door, power sunroof, PW/PDL/power mirrors, 6 months JCI, \$1,900. Call Staff Sgt. Pontarelli at 253-5925 dwh or 253-2085 awb.
 —1991 Nissan Bluebird, 4-door, auto, power everything, JCI till March 2002, \$2,000. Call Kim Soares at 253-2124 awb.
 —1993 Honda Vigor, 4-door sedan, 5-speed, 68,000 kilometers, JCI till May 2002, \$2,000. Call Nick Horn at 253-4894 dwh or 21-7921 awb.
 —Toyota Town Ace, 8-pass, JCI till November 2000, \$500/obo. Call Chief Brewer at 253-6515 dwh or 253-2011 awb.

Other items for sale

—Japanese air conditioner, \$100; gas grill, \$50; metal four-drawer file cabinet, \$100; small waist-high cabinet glass doors, \$40; gas stove, \$250, storage shed, \$100. Call J.C. McGuigan at 253-4288 dwh or 31-8489 awb.
 —Fisher Price kitchen set, \$15; Step 2 table and two chairs, \$10; Little Tykes drawing board, \$5. Call Akiko Darby at 253-5185.
 —Sony Trinitron color TV, 27-inch, \$200. Call Helen Marquez at 253-4093 dwh or 253-2222 awb.
 —One picnic table and two benches, \$25. Call 34-3237.
 —Dark green sofa, love seat and recliner, \$400 for both; red, metal frame, toddler bed w/mattress, \$20; Little Tykes plastic slide/gym, \$25. Must sell, PCS this month. Call Richard Schultz at 253-2517.

Free

—Free dog to a good home, medium-size Japanese mixed breed, house broken. Call Joel or Melody at 253-2719.
 —Free 3-month-old puppy, house broken, good with children. Her name is 'Oreo.' Call Jan at 253-2996.

Wanted

—Woman or mature young lady to watch a small group of children. Pay is \$10 an hour. Call Karen at 253-5182.

MCCS job openings

—The MCAS Iwakuni Retired Activities Office has an opening for a volunteer administrative assistant. Typical duties involve researching references, compiling information, formulating ideas, organizing files, preparing newsletters and other similar functions. Basic administrative and customer assistance skills are essential. Experience in MS Office 97 and MS Publisher are helpful and professional training is available. This position offers a flexible work schedule with no minimum hours and free childcare is available. If you are interested in helping Iwakuni's retired military community, call Ken Runyan at 253-3571.
 —The New Parent Support Program has an opening for a home visitor in Iwakuni. The requirements are as follows: knowledge of military system/community resources, licensed LCSW or RN (RN must possess an AA or BS degree in community health, public health, or maternal/child nursing); two or more years postgraduate experience in community health, public health, or maternal/child nursing, home visiting, or family/child counseling. A driver's license and insurance are required. Only applicants meeting stated contract qualifications will be considered. For more information call 253-6553 or stop by Building 411, Room 127.
 —Employment opportunities are available at Softland International's Iwakuni video rental and audio resale outlets. Standard benefits include health insurance and investment plans, and successful managers earn credentials for continued employment at other Softland enterprises and within the video rental/audio resale field. Promotion possibilities exist for qualified employees. Maturity and experience are desired qualifications. Prospective employees should contact Torii Video, Building 497, 253-4700, or Torii Tunes, second floor of the Main Exchange, 253-2555. Applicants also may contact Mr. Alan Burnside, Director-Military Sales, Softland International, 42 Sandbridge, Aliso Viejo, California, 92656. E-mail Mr. Burnside at absoftrep@aol.com.
(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel:)
 —Assistant Club Manager, Club Iwakuni, NF-03, regular full time.
 —Graphic Arts Supervisor, Marketing, NF-03,

regular full time.
 —Retail Area Supervisor, Main Complex, NF-03, regular full time.
 —Warehouse Foreman, Warehouse, NS-04, regular full time.
 —Retail Ops Assistant, Service Station, NF-02, regular full time.
 —Recreation Ops Assistant, Teen Center, NF-02, regular full time.
 —Aquatics Program/Lifeguard Supervisor, Aquatics, NF-03, regular full time.
 —Waiter/Waitress, Club Iwakuni, NA-03, regular full time and flexible.
 —Operations Assistant, Food Court, NF-02, regular full time and flexible.
 —Food Service Worker, Food Court and Burger King, NA-02, regular full time and flexible.
 —Sales Associate/Cashier, Sound Shop, NF-01, regular full time.
 —Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Exchange, NF-01, regular full time.
 —Store Worker, Main Exchange, NA-02, regular full time.
 —Sales Associate/Cashier, Auto Mini Mart, NF-01, regular full time and flexible.
 —Program Assistant, Child Development Center, CC-1, regular full time and flexible.
 —Recreation Assistant, NF-02, flexible.
 —Recreation Attendant, NF-01, flexible.
 —Car Rental/Service Station Attendant, Service Station (Car Rental), NF-01, regular full time and regular part time.
 —Security Guard, Main Complex, NF-01, flexible.
 (Pick up a job application in the MCCS Personnel Office, Crossroads Mall second floor, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or call 253-3030.)

HRO Job Openings

(Human Resources Office is currently accepting applications for the following positions:)
 —Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor(s), open until filled.
 —Child Development Center Director, GS-1701-09, open until filled.
 —Management and Program Analysis Officer, GS-343-13, open until filled.
 —Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Supervisor, GS-101-11, open until filled.
 —Environmental Protection Specialist, GS-0028-12, open until filled.
 —Contract Specialist Supervisory, GS-1102-11, open until filled.
 —Supervisory Librarian, GS-1410-09, open until filled.
 —Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-07, open until filled.
 —Contract Specialist, Facilities Department, GS-1102-11, open until filled.
 —Family Member Employment Program Specialist, GS-0301-09, open until filled.
 —Mechanical Engineer, GS-0830-12, open until filled.
 —Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-9/11, open until filled.
 —Supervisory Education Services Specialist, GS-1740-12, open until filled.
 —Housing Manager, GS-1173-11, open until filled.
 —Interdisciplinary Engineer Supervisory, GS-0800-12, open until filled.
 —Supply Management Officer, GS-2003-11, open until filled.
 —Interdisciplinary, Psychologist/Social Worker, GS-0180-11.
 —Store Worker, WG-6914-04, open until Sept. 18.
 —Sales Store Checker, GS-2091-03, open until Sept. 18.
 —Sales Store Checker, GS-2091-03, open until Sept. 25.
 —Cable Splicer Supervisor, WS-2504-07, open until filled.
 —Prevention and Education Specialist, GS-1701-09, open until filled.
 (For additional information and appropriate forms call CHRO, Building 360, Room 32 at 253-6828.)

To submit your ads or announcement ...

Torii Teller accepts ads/announcement for nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs will run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii Teller reserves the right to edit to fit space. To submit, stop by Building 360, Room 7 to fill out a form.

Station Hosts Cultural Celebration

"Diversity, Strength in Unity" is the theme of the first Multi-Cultural Heritage Observance Day, which will be held here Sept. 23.

The celebration is a tribute to the cultural diversity, which reinforces the American way of life.

"It is important to rededicate and commit by removing barriers, which is the focus for our international festival," said Master Sgt. Michael McNeal, station equal opportunity advisor.

Although there are many individual cultural celebrations held throughout the year, Multi-Cultural Heritage Observance Day is a chance for all people to come together and celebrate under one roof.

The celebration will take place at the MAC Dome from noon - 5 p.m., and will feature continuous live entertainment and activities for everyone to enjoy.



What's cooking at the Messhalls ...

Today

Lunch: Roast Pork, Baked Trout Fillet
 Dinner: Yankee Pot Roast, Tempura Fried Fish

Saturday

Dinner Brunch: Grilled Tenderloin Steak, Barbecued Chicken

Sunday

Dinner Brunch: Chinese five Spice Chicken, Roast Beef

Monday

Lunch: Sukiyaki, Sweet and Sour Pork
 Dinner: Roast Turkey, Veal Parmesan

Tuesday

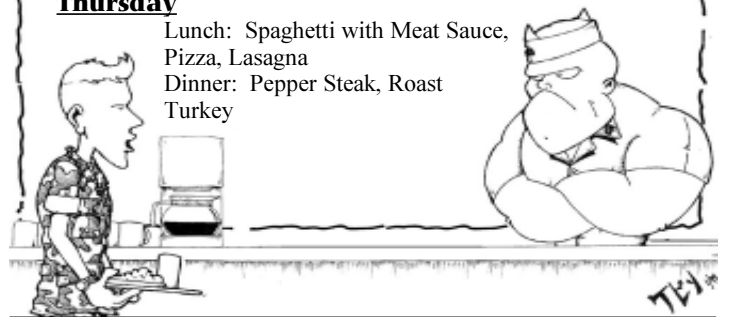
Lunch: Herbed Baked Fish, Turkey Pot Pie
 Dinner: Meat Loaf, Breaded Pork Steaks

Wednesday

Lunch: Swiss Steak with Mushroom Gravy, Pineapple Chicken
 Dinner: Bake Stuffed Pork Chops, Swedish Meat Balls

Thursday

Lunch: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Pizza, Lasagna
 Dinner: Pepper Steak, Roast Turkey



Weekend's Weather

Today



Saturday



Sunday



Monday



Tide Table

	Low tide		High tide	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
Sept. 15	4:15 a.m.	2.05	10:18 a.m.	10.86
	4:27 p.m.	1.27	10:42 p.m.	11.16
Sept. 16	4:45 a.m.	1.68	10:54 a.m.	11.00
	5:03 p.m.	1.53	11:18 p.m.	10.98
Sept. 17	5:21 a.m.	1.47	11:35 a.m.	10.96
	5:38 p.m.	2.07	11:47 p.m.	10.62
Sept. 18	5:56 a.m.	1.46	12:17 a.m.	10.72
	6:20 p.m.	2.85	---	---
Sept. 19	6:32 a.m.	1.67	12:23 a.m.	10.11
	7:02 p.m.	3.82	12:59 p.m.	10.28
Sept. 20	7:20 a.m.	2.08	12:59 a.m.	9.47
	7:50 p.m.	4.85	1:53 p.m.	9.71
Sept. 21	8:15 a.m.	2.62	1:41 a.m.	8.76
	9:03 p.m.	5.71	3:06 p.m.	9.18

Education



Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday

- College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

Sept. 20 - ACT Examination

Sept. 21 - SAT Examination (military only)

Sept. 25 - Electronics Data Processing Test

Sept. 27 - Defense Language Aptitude Battery
- Defense Language Proficiency Test

Sept. 28 - Armed Forces Classification Test

Testing begins at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sign up 15 minutes prior. There is a fee for civilian personnel but not for service members. For more information call 253-3855.

Total Quality Training Opportunities

Total Quality classes offered:

- Sept. 18-22** Reengineering in Japanese
Sept. 25-29 Systems approach to Process Improvement
Oct. 2-6 Fundamental of TQ in English
Oct. 9-13 Team Skills and Concepts in English

Anyone is welcome to sign up and take the classes. There is no fee for students. To reserve a seat call 253-4719 or e-mail hornew@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

Human Resources Office Classes

Sept. 21 USCS Performance/Award Conduct and ADR at Building 411, 8:30-10:30 a.m. For details e-mail gillespiej@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

Community



Medical Clinic Health Promotions

Tobacco Cessation Courses will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22, 27 and 29. Controlling Cholesterol Course will be held Sept. 28 from 10-11 a.m. All classes are held in the Branch Medical Clinic library. For more information call 253-3266.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are on the second floor of Building 497. For more information call 43-4814.

Neurology Specialist Visit

Neurology Specialist will visit Branch Medical Clinic here Monday-Tuesday. Make an appointment with your primary care manager at 253-3445/3438 to be evaluated for a referral.

CCD Registration 2000-2001

Registration forms for students in grades pre-K to 12th are available after each of the Catholic Masses and at the Chapel Annex. Classes are

scheduled to begin Sunday at 10:15-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex classrooms. For more information call 253-3957.

Cub Scout Fall Round-Up

All boys in first-fifth grade are invited to register for Cub Scouts at the Crossroads Mall, Main Exchange and Commissary Saturday-Sunday, noon-2 p.m. Adults who are interested in becoming a leader or co-leader should call Gunnery Sgt. Monzon at 253-4364/2389.

Consignment Sales Shop

The consignment Sales Shop will be closed Saturday in support of the Information Fair 2000. For more information call 253-4721.

Speech Contest

The Japanese and American Society is sponsoring a Japanese English speech contest Oct. 29 at noon at Sinfonia Iwakuni. This contest provides Japanese and American students the opportunity to challenge their knowledge of the English and Japanese languages. Anybody who is interested in participating should call 253-4771 for more information.

Latin Dance

Latinos Unidos will host a dance Sept. 23, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at Club Iwakuni, ballroom A, to celebrate Hispanic Month. There is a fee. For more information call Gunnery Sgt. Arrieta at 253-2150 or Sgt. Rivera at 253-6851.

Early Bird /Late Night Shopping

The Commissary will start "Early Bird Shopping" and "Late Night Shopping" Sept. 24. Early Bird will be 10 items or less, opening at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Late Night Shopping will be Thursday with the store closing at 8 p.m. Only handbaskets will be allowed unless they are purchasing big items.

Marine Corps Community Services

Information Fair 2000

The Community Services Information Fair will be Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Club Iwakuni ballroom. Over 30 organizations from on and off station will take part. Demonstrations, prizes and performances are scheduled through the event. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 253-6161.

TAMP and TAP Brief

This pre-separation brief and job search seminar will be held Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 121. Military personnel within 180 days of separating and their family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, service members should contact their career planner.

Far East Job Fair and Prep

The Far East Job Fair comes to Okinawa Sept. 27-28. Approximately 20 U.S. companies are expected to participate. Separating service members and spouses are encouraged to attend. Job Fair preparation sessions are held Saturday, 9-11 a.m. and Sept. 25, 1-3 p.m. Prospective Job Fair

participants are required to attend one of the sessions. Held in the Community Services Building, Room 216. Register before 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the session. Call 253-6439 for information and to register.

Launderette Closure

The Launderette will close Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. for semiannual maintenance. Marine Corps Community Services apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause our patrons.

Family Day

Accompanied personnel and family members new to the air station are invited to attend a Family Day brief Thursday, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. A variety of organizations from the air station will present information. Call 253-3311 to register. Free refreshments and child care will be provided.

Childbirth Refresher Class

This class will be held Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. It provides a review of childbirth. For more information call 253-6553.

Multi-Cultural Heritage Day

Everyone is welcome at the festivities Sept. 23, noon-5 p.m., at the Mac Dome. Ethnic food will be sold, and various cultures will be represented. Obsessed, Son Reinas, and hula dancers are scheduled to perform, and a show of Native American art is planned. Club Iwakuni dining rooms will be closed to support the event; bars and the Eagle's Nest will remain open.

LINKS Mentor Training

Marine Corps Family Team Building will hold LINKS Mentor Training Sept. 26-28, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Building 1117, the Chapel Annex. Military spouses will learn how to help each other. For more information call 253-3754.

Chapel Services



Chapel News

(1)- Chapel Annex (2)- School Gym

Roman Catholic

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass (2)
Sunday 9 a.m. Mass (2)

Protestant

Sunday 10 a.m. Church of Christ (1)
10:30 a.m. General Service (2)
noon Gospel Service (2)

Latter Day Saints

Sunday 12:30 p.m. Service (1)

Jewish

Friday 6 p.m. Shabat (1)

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity, call the station Chapel at 253-5218. For information on Jewish services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station Chapel.

Sports Briefs

Basketball Exhibition Game

The Iwakuni Varsity Basketball team and a team from Hiroshima will play at 11 a.m. in the Main Gym. For more information call 253-4321.

New Paintball Action

The paintball course has received new semi-automatic paintball guns, which shoot longer, faster, and more accurately. Paintball is available by reservation by calling 253-3822.

Bowling Tournament

The Southside Lanes will hold a "TV Style" bowling tournament Sunday at 1:30 p.m. There is a fee to enter, and prizes will be awarded.

Swim Tryouts

Tryouts for the youth swim team and masters swim team will be held at the Indoor Pool Wednesday, 6-7 p.m. Youth swimmers, ages 10-18, should be able to swim the crawl 200 meters. Master swimmers must be 19 years and older. For more information call 253-4966.

Fall Kick-off

Spectators are welcome to watch MAG-12 challenge H&HS Sept. 22, 2 p.m., on the Main Parade Field. This game is the flag football season opener. For more information call 253-4605.

Golf Championship

The MCAS Iwakuni Golf Championship, billed as the major golfing event of the year, is scheduled Sept. 23, 24, 30 and Oct. 1. Enter and establish a handicap by Thursday, 9 a.m. For more information call 253-3402. There is an entry fee.

Sailboarding Offered

Outdoor Recreation will offer sailboarding to SOFA personnel Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the MCCA Marina. For more information call 253-3822.

Sumo in Fukuoka

Reservations open Monday at 9:30 a.m. for the Nov. 18 Information Tour and Travel trip to the Autumn Grand Sumo Tournament in Fukuoka. Reservations open Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. for the Nov. 19 trip. There are fees for the trips. For more information call 253-4377.

Strength and Endurance Challenge

Marine Corps Community Services Fitness will hold a Strength and Endurance Challenge Sept. 23. The event is open to DoD identification card holders, JMSDF, IHA and MLC personnel. There is an entry fee except for unit teams. For more information call 253-5051.

Fall Bowling Signups

Sign up sheets are available at the Southside Lanes for fall bowling leagues. The Women's League will begin Wednesday; Friday Night Mixed begins Sept. 22; and Monday Men's League begins Sept. 25. Sign up for all leagues will end Monday. For more information call 253-4657.

Bowling League Begins

Winter Recreation League bowling will begin Tuesday. Team captains will meet today, at 11 a.m. Bowling takes place once a week Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays at 11:15 a.m. Entry forms are available at the Southside Lanes. For more information call 253-3495.

The Scoreboard

Softball

Sept. 9

Know Fear defeated MALS-12, 13-12
VMFA-214 defeated SE Tuggers, 16-6
Bust-N-Balls defeated Rooftop, 8-5

High School Football

Sept. 9

Samurai defeated Sotoku, 21-20



Marines swim away with three medals

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A 15-Marine swim team competed in the annual Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Shinzen Swim Meet at the JMSDF pool Friday.

The American team competed against more than 300 JMSDF competitors and placed in three of 20 events they participated in, taking home a gold and two silver medals.

Heath McCleary, swim team head coach, placed first in the 29-year-old and below men's 50-meter free style swim, and David Fulton placed second in the more than 30-year-old age group.

In the men's 100-meter free style swim, Thomas West placed second for the 29-year-

old and below age group.

This is the second year Americans have been asked to participate in the competition by JMSDF. Last year the team only had six members, but has more than doubled since.

"This is my second swim meet since coming to Iwakuni," West said, a native of Danville, Ill. "I've never really won anything before, and I was happy to come back with a medal."

Although the JMSDF had numbers in their favor, the American team competed well. Aside from the three who took home medals, the other 12 swam hard against the 8 competitors in each of their events.

Some of the events included the 50-, 100- and 500-meter relays followed by the unique soccer ball relay, kickboard relay and four-man linked relay where swimmers swam together

holding onto the swimmer's shoulders in front of them.

"The competition was very tough. The Japanese are great swimmers so it adds to the competition," said McCleary.

Last year the Americans didn't know what to expect, but this year they knew they were in for some tough competition.

McCleary, an Orlando, Fla. native, has been in competitive events since he was 8 years old and was nominated the head coach by the team. The level of experience in the team McCleary coached varied from advanced to beginner. Some have been training on a regular basis and others were asked to swim for the first time competitively the morning of the event.

The events were the same last year, but having American participants makes it a little different for the Japanese competitors.

"I am having a very good time because there are so many Americans here," said Toshiyuki Machijima, JMSDF pilot. "It's a very good opportunity to make friends."

"The Japanese have a large number of swimmers, but our swimmers equal them in quality," said Sean Kim Han, aquatic director and native of Honolulu. "Swimming is a very popular sport in Japan used to provide friendly competition."

The intent of the swim meet was not to walk away with a big prize, but to have fun and stay in shape Kim Han said.

During the closing ceremony the Americans were thanked for participating and asked to return to compete in next year's swim meet.

"It was a good experience," McCleary said. "JMSDF really put it on at the championship level."



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Robert Mcallister, MWSS-171 assistant OIC of motor transportation operations, dives from his platform during the JMSDF Shinzen Swim Meet Friday.

All Stars Triumph

After winning the Saiki Little League Tournament in Hiroshima, the Iwakuni All Stars returned with the championship trophy and presented it to Col. Richard Dunn, station commanding officer.

This year, 12 players were selected from regular little league teams to play on the All Star team. The team won all four of their games in the tournament Aug. 26 and 27.

Their win at the tournament was attributed to hard practice by all the members of the team.

The All Stars won 12 of 21 games played this season against local Japanese teams and this was the first year they brought the championship trophy home.



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